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Thank you for the opportunity to nominate for the second Open Government Forum (OGF). I do so with a keen desire to represent Australian civil society in continuing the work of the first forum in the implementation of the second OGP National Action Plan (NAP).

Selection Criteria:

Demonstrated support of OGP vision and the Open Government Declaration.

As a member of the OGP Civil Society Network Steering Committee (OGPCS) and the inaugural OGF, I have been involved with consultations associated with both the first and second NAPs. I bring a strong appreciation for and commitment to the OGP vision and declaration.

Expertise relevant to the OGP, including existing or probable future OGP-Au commitments.

In addition to my prior OGF and NAP involvements (ref above), I offer expertise in relation to matters of data ethics, governance and sharing - which is of particular relevance the current plan's Data Sharing commitment. I have also been involved in consultations associated with the current plan's Data Sharing commitment and precursor consultations conducted by PM&C and the Productivity Commission.

My expertise arises from a professional career spanning more than 25 years in the fields of data governance, management and analysis across a public/private and international/domestic settings. Accordingly, I believe I bring to the OGF a pragmatic, practice-based perspective.

Ability to engage broad and diverse community networks.

I maintain established professional and civil society networks that encompass interest groups associated with open data, data science, digital identity, privacy and ethics.

My recent engagements have included: the IEEE Society for the Social Implications of Technology, Monash University Data Science for Manager's Program, University of Melbourne's Data, Systems and Society Research Network, La Trobe University LawTech research institute.

Previous experience working with and influencing government.

My relevant experiences originate in the early 1990's with respect to the federal government's (viz ATO & DSS) first forays in data analysis and matching. Over subsequent decades this has encompassed government and government-owned enterprises across the Asia Pacific region, and more recently a Victorian Government sponsored data sharing initiative.

Ability to address the desirability of maintaining some continuity between successive Forums, balanced with the desirability of reaching new communities and reflecting emerging open government priorities.

Supported by my on-going civil society engagements, I believe my contribution to and membership of the last Open Government Forum and OGP Civil Society Steering Committee may offer a useful (and enthusiastic) level of continuity of across successive NAPs.